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coin. The silver coin, which would have a greater nominal than intrinsic value, and not redeemable in lawful money, or gold coin, would become the inferior currency. The five-cent copper-nickel coin having been issued to the extent of over \$5,000,000, and the amount being sufficient for a token coin of that denomination, the provision of law discontinuing the issue of the five-cent silver coin appears to have been proper.—*Report of the Director of the Mint, 1874.*

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### LINCOLN MEDALS.

#### *Editors of the Journal of Numismatics :*

IN the January number of the *Journal* appears a communication from H. W. H., in which my "Catalogue of Lincoln Medals" is the subject of considerable criticism. A list is also given of pieces which I did not describe. It might be supposed when Mr. H. W. H. criticises my work so closely, that he should give us a Supplementary List, remarkable alike for its fullness and accuracy. That this is not the case, I will now proceed to prove.

He mentions as new varieties in metals some half-dozen medals in bronze, which I had already catalogued as copper. All collectors know that these pieces are identical, and to be strictly accurate should be described as copper *bronzed*. Mr. H. W. H. proceeds to swell farther his list, by placing in the category of medals sundry pieces made from terra cotta, rubber, *green clay*, &c. These articles have no right to the title of medals, and I purposely excluded all such from my catalogue. I have a Lincoln piece made from *soap*, which has as much right in the list as the articles just mentioned! I pass over several small errors in Mr. H. W. H.'s catalogue, and would only call attention to its incompleteness. Robbed of its green clay medals, and not counting the pieces which, previously described by me, he has re-catalogued, his list numbers scarcely one hundred. I have descriptions (awaiting publication in a Supplement) of nearly two hundred varieties not mentioned in my catalogue. This work was issued two years ago, since which time many medals have appeared which were then either unknown or not in existence.

Hoping you will give this publication, in justice to myself and for the information of collectors,

I remain, very respectfully yours,

12 East 30th Street, New York, Jan. 13, 1875.

ANDREW C. ZABRISKIE.

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#### *Editors of the Journal of Numismatics :*

Allow me to express my regret that the list of Lincoln Medals sent you should have so much annoyed Mr. Zabriskie. So many persons are interested in the subject that a complete list was much to be desired; and I was not aware that Mr. Zabriskie was preparing a supplement. My list is quite at his disposal; indeed it was offered to him when he was preparing his catalogue, though the offer was not accepted. As to the incompleteness of the list, I quite agree with Mr. Zabriskie, and regret it quite as much as he. But he will see if he turns to it, that it only purports to include medals in Mr. Crosby's collection and my own, so that it seems hardly open to criticism on that account.

As to Mr. Zabriskie's notion that copper and copper-bronzed medals are "identical," I must venture to disagree with him. No doubt the metal of

which they are composed is similar, but their appearance is quite different; collectors who keep impressions in the different metals usually keep one of each; and they are described as different in nearly all catalogues, including Mr. Zabriskie's own. For similar reasons I am compelled to differ with him when he says that impressions from *medal dies* in terra cotta, rubber, &c., "have no right to the title of medals." I presume that he relies upon some dictionary definition, (they are far from unanimous — Cf. Webster, Worcester, Zell and Encyclopedia Britannia,) but such pieces are usually classed with medals, and rarely, if ever, described by any other term: and when Mr. Zabriskie's collection is sold, I feel little doubt that even his Lincoln "article" (as he calls it) in soap, will be classed with the other Lincoln Medals, rather than with the snuff-boxes and stuffed birds, that under the name of "miscellaneous articles" may close his catalogue. The question is merely one of words in each case, but I think that it is both more convenient and more accurate in addressing specialists of any kind to use words in the special meaning given them in that specialty; and to err, if at all, in over fullness of information.

I send you herewith a list of one hundred and three more Lincoln Medals, describing three entirely new ones, and twenty-one new mules, with numerous varieties in metal, mostly from two other collections, whose owners, Mr. F. H. James and Mr. C. P. Nichols, have kindly sent lists. The descriptions I have not been able to verify personally. This makes in all one hundred and seventy-one Lincoln Medals, not counting metals. The unmanageable length of the list in its present form, (probably exceeding five hundred when complete,) shows plainly enough the mistake to which I have already alluded in cataloguing varieties in metal as separate medals. As my two supplements contain two hundred and fourteen numbers while Mr. Zabriskie has collected for his Supplement less than two hundred, they can hardly fail to be of service to him.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 13, 1875.

H. W. H.

#### SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY LIST OF LINCOLN MEDALS.

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 298. Same as 10, but in copper. Size 36.                                                                              | 317. Same as 101, but in bronze. Size 17.                                                                                 |
| 299. " 11, " bronze. " 32.                                                                                            | 318. " " " copper. "                                                                                                      |
| 300. " 19, " type metal. " 26. (This medal is by True, not Key.)                                                      | 319. " " " brass. "                                                                                                       |
| 301. <i>Ob.</i> same as 24. <i>Rev.</i> Douglas &c. Copper. Size 25.                                                  | 320. <i>Ob.</i> same. <i>Rev.</i> same as rev. of 229. Size 17.                                                           |
| 302. <i>Ob.</i> Head of Lincoln. <i>Rev.</i> Head of Washington. Trial piece on large planchet. White metal. Size 22. | 321. <i>Ob.</i> same. <i>Rev.</i> "F. C. Key & Sons 329 Arch St. Phila." White metal. Size 17.                            |
| 303. Same as 57, but in white metal. Size 20.                                                                         | 322. Same as 103, but in brass. Size 17.                                                                                  |
| 304. " 70, " nickel. " 20.                                                                                            | 323. " 104 and 237, but in bronze. Size 17.                                                                               |
| 305. " 80, " bronze. " 17.                                                                                            | 324. " " " brass. "                                                                                                       |
| 306. " 90, " white metal. " 17.                                                                                       | 325. <i>Ob.</i> Head of Lincoln to right. Head as large as obv. of 144. <i>Rev.</i> same as rev. of 106. Copper. Size 17. |
| 307. " 93, " silver. " 17.                                                                                            | 326. Same as 107, but in silver. Size 17.                                                                                 |
| 308. <i>Ob.</i> same as 93. <i>Rev.</i> Hat "Public Square Nashville Tenn." Copper. Size 17.                          | 327. " " " bronze. "                                                                                                      |
| 309. <i>Ob.</i> same. <i>Rev.</i> Ship "Dry Goods & Upholstery for Ships and Steamers." Copper. Size 17.              | 328. " " " copper. "                                                                                                      |
| 310. <i>Ob.</i> "Sign of the Old Man with Specs" &c. <i>Rev.</i> same as rev. of 93. Nickel. Size 17.                 | 329. " " " brass. "                                                                                                       |
| 311. Same in copper. Size 17.                                                                                         | 330. " 108, " silver. "                                                                                                   |
| 312. <i>Ob.</i> Eagle. "War of 1861 United States" <i>Rev.</i> same as rev. of 93. Copper. Size 17.                   | 331. " " " bronze. "                                                                                                      |
| 313. <i>Ob.</i> same as rev. of 111. <i>Rev.</i> same as rev. of 93. Copper. Size 17.                                 | 332. " 112, " bronze. "                                                                                                   |
| 314. Same as 97 and 235, but in copper. Size 17.                                                                      | 333. " 117, " silver. Size 16.                                                                                            |
| 315. Same as 98, " copper. "                                                                                          | 334. " 120, " copper. "                                                                                                   |
| 316. " 101, " silver. "                                                                                               | 335. " " " brass. "                                                                                                       |
|                                                                                                                       | 336. " " " white metal. "                                                                                                 |
|                                                                                                                       | 337. " 121, " white metal. "                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                       | 338. " 128, " copper. Size 15.                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                       | 339. " " " brass. "                                                                                                       |
|                                                                                                                       | 340. " 129, " silver. "                                                                                                   |
|                                                                                                                       | 341. " " " copper. "                                                                                                      |



342. Same as 129, but in brass. Size 15.  
 343. *Ob.* same as 133. *Rev.* "Steamer Lancaster No. 4." Copper. Size 14.  
 344. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* "Ellicott, Vinson & Co Memphis." Copper. Size 14.  
 345. Same as 140, but in silver.  
 346. " 141, " brass. Size 13.  
 347. " 145, " white metal. "  
 348. " 147, " " Size 12.  
 349. " 161, " copper, "  
 350. " 165, " nickel. "  
 351. " " " copper. "  
 352. " " " brass. "  
 353. " " " white metal. "  
 354. " 169, " copper. "  
 355. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* Eagle. "1864 Liberty for All." Nickel. Size 12.  
 356. Same, but in copper. Size 12.  
 357. " " brass. "  
 358. " " white metal. "  
 359. Same as 170, but in copper. Size 12.  
 360. " " " brass. "  
 361. " " " white metal. "  
 362. " 171, " brass. "  
 363. " " " white metal. "  
 364. " 173, " copper. "  
 365. " " " white metal. "  
 366. *Ob.* same as 176. *Rev.* Head of Grant to right. Copper. Size 11.  
 367. Same, but in white metal. Size 11.  
 368. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* Eagle, 13 stars, "1863." Copper. Size 11.  
 369. Same, but in white metal. Size 11.  
 370. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* Benjamin Franklin. White metal. Size 11.  
 371. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* Mason & Co.'s Card. Brass. Size 11.  
 372. Same, but in white metal. Size 11.  
 373. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* Indian head. Copper. Size 11.  
 374. Same, but in brass. Size 11.  
 375. " " white metal. "  
 376. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* Storer & Shroyer's card. Copper. Size 11.  
 377. Same, but in brass. Size 11.  
 378. " " white metal. "  
 379. Same as 199, but in white metal. Size 22.  
 380. " 210, " nickel. Size 19.  
 381. " 212, " brass. "  
 382. " 214, " brass. "  
 383. " 219, but in white metal, rough. Only ten struck in this metal. Twenty-five struck in rubber. Size 20.  
 384. Same as 232, but in nickel. Size 17.  
 385. " 233, " white metal. "  
 386. " 239, " brass. "  
 387. " " " white metal. "  
 388. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* same as rev. of Washington's head quarters. Size 17.  
 389. *Ob.* same as ob. of 240, 241, and 242. *Rev.* "Protection to All at Home and abroad." Wreath. Eight stars with a star at each end of the wreath. Terra cotta. Size 17.  
 390. Same as 247, but in nickel. Size 16.  
 391. *Ob.* Head of Lincoln to right. "Abraham Lincoln Died Apr. 15. 1865." *Rev.* Blank scroll within a wreath. "Emancipation Proclamation Sept. 22. 1862." Copper. Size 15.  
 392. Same as 256, but in nickel. Size 14.  
 393. " " " copper. "  
 394. " 257, " brass. "  
 395. " 261, " copper. "  
 396. " 271, " nickel. Size 12.  
 397. " 275, " bronze. "  
 398. " " " copper. "  
 399. " 278, " white metal. Size 12.  
 400. *Ob.* same as 3, 38, and 184 reduced by Wyon. *Rev.* blank. Silver. Size 4.

## A PLEA FOR NUMISMATICS.

### *Editors of the Journal of Numismatics :*

PERHAPS in no pursuit does the thorough numismatist derive more pleasure than in that of collecting coins and medals. The study is a science of a high order, and the more knowledge we gain the more eager we are to pursue it. Some may talk of the great expense necessary to gratify one's taste in this branch of science, and immediately condemn it for that reason; but who has not his own particular hobby to ride, and to do this he will gladly deprive himself of some of the "necessaries of life," and "squander" his savings on that idol.

Coins are not necessarily immoderately expensive. The collecting of the various dates of the United States current coins, and the different varieties of some of the dates, from the half cent to the dollar, to be sure, is very expensive, and we would recommend to young collectors of limited means, to take the cents only, and pay considerable attention to the American Colonials; many of these commemorate some of the principal historical events contemporary with our colonial ancestry, and will serve as everlasting mementos of their worthy deeds. The Washington tokens and medals should have attention; a cabinet of these by themselves would be highly interesting. It would also be well to take up one or two series of the ancient Greek and Roman,

